

**ROCKAWAY BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION
ROCKAWAY, NEW JERSEY
Special Public Meeting
Thomas Jefferson Cafeteria
March 19, 2013**

ROCKAWAY BOROUGH SCHOOL'S MISSION STATEMENT:

The mission of the Rockaway Borough School District, a caring and diverse community, is to propel the success of each student by creating an environment that fosters self-confidence and encourages creativity through quality instruction and educational opportunities aligned with the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards.

I. Call to Order and Flag Salute

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Board President, Christa Smith.

II. Notice of Announcement

In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, the Rockaway Borough Board of Education has provided adequate written notice of the time, date and place of this meeting to the Daily Record and The Citizen.

III. Roll Call

Board Members Present: Eileen Haynes, Laura Lugo, Debbie McNally, Vice-President, Tim Rogers and Board President, Christa Smith

Board Member Absent: N/A

Administration Present: Superintendent of Schools/Thomas Jefferson School Principal, Dr. Brian Purzak and School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Joseph P. Hurley Jr.

IV. 2013-2014 Proposed Budget

Mr. Hurley discussed the budget which included a 2.8% increase. This equated to an over budget of \$8,201,939 and a tax levy of \$7,357,225.

V. 2012 – 2013 School Calendar

Dr. Purzak discussed the calendar with the Board.

VI. Comments from the Public

None.

VII. Committee Reports

A. Finance

Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Finance Items #1-2.

The motion was approved in a unanimous roll call vote. (Haynes/McNally)

1. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Hillmar, LLC to provide a sign language interpreter at a rate of \$100/per hour not to exceed 5 hours during the remainder 2012 – 2013 school year for Kindergarten Registration, Kindergarten Orientation, and other pre-Kindergarten activities.
2. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve for a psychiatric evaluation for student # 19 on March 20, 2013. The evaluation cost is \$600.00 plus an additional \$90.00 to expedite the report.

B. Curriculum

Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Curriculum Item # 1.

The motion was approved in a unanimous roll call vote. (Lugo/McNally)

1. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the attached revised school calendar for the remainder of the 2012-2013 school year.

C. Personnel

Dr, Purzak informed the Board there was an issue with the fingerprinting so an emergent hire is necessary.

Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Personnel Items #1.

The motion was approved in a unanimous roll call vote. (Rogers/Lugo)

1. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Manuela Rial as an emergent hire as a personal aide for student #43 for 3 hours per day 5 days per week at a rate of \$14.00 per hour.

D. Policy

Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Policy Item # 1.

The motion was approved in a unanimous roll call vote. (McNally/Haynes)

1. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to accept the Superintendent's Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying report dated March 25, 2013 for incident numbers 27 – 29.

Incident number 26 is still being investigated.

VIII. Old Business

None.

IX. New Business

None.

X. Comments from the Public

Ms. Hurley asked about the status of hiring a new BSI teacher. Dr. Purzak said he will not hire a teacher to fill a slot.

Ms. Coulter asked about the DEAC. Dr. Purzak said he will set up a date with the RBEA to discuss the issue.

Ms. Sandra Patamia discussed the Thomas Jefferson Clean Up Day.

XI. Motion to Adjourn

There being no further business before the Board, a motion was approved at 8:10 p.m. to adjourn for the evening. (Haynes/Lugo)

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph P. Hurley Jr.
School Business Administrator/
Board Secretary